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Minutes of the Howard County Public Works Board – Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Members present: Ms. Lisa Spitulnik, Mr. John Rhoad, Mr. Cory Summerson; and Ms. Abby Glassberg.

Staff present: James M. Irvin, Executive Secretary; Steve Sharar, Chief, Transportation and Special Projects Division; Marshall Davidson, Project Manager, Transportation and Special Projects Division; Kin Siew, Project Engineer, Utility Design Division;; Tina D. Hackett, Chief, Real Estate Services Division; Melanie Bishop, Acting Recording Secretary, Real Estate Services Division.

Ms. Lisa Spitulnik, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

1. **Approval of minutes:** Ms. Spitulnik indicated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of May 12, 2015. Ms. Spitulnik asked if there were any comments or questions.

Motion: On a motion made by Mr. Rhoad and seconded by Ms. Glassberg, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of May 12, 2015.

2. **Capital Projects:**

(a) Capital Project No. D-1163, Trotter Road Streambank Stabilization Project

Staff Presentation: Mr. Steve Sharar, Chief, Transportation and Special Projects Division, presented the Trotter Road Streambank Stabilization Project. We met with the Board in 2012 to discuss the stabilization of the slope of Trotter Road which was being rutted by an adjacent stream. There were two areas of concern and the Board recommended that we move forward with Area One which was critical and to put Area Two off until it was needed. The department has been monitoring Area Two and has determined that we need to proceed with construction. On April 30-May 1, 2014 there was a large storm event and subsequent to that event it was discovered that a section of Area Two's streambank had washed away. The department is now ready to proceed with the second phase of the project. The new plan will reduce the impact that was identified at the time of the original approval.

Mr. Marshall Davidson, Project Manager, Transportation and Special Projects Division, discuss in more detail the project. Area Two is approximately 200 feet long and located approximately 250 feet upstream from the imbricated stacked stone wall of Area One. The extent of the damage to the slope indicates that vegetation is being loss. The project is along the north side of Trotter Road where the road is adjacent to the unnamed tributary to the Middle Patuxent River. The department presented the original project to the Board on May 8, 2012. At that time it was decided to postpone work on Area Two. Area Two has deteriorated to the point that work is now necessary to stabilize the slope and protect the roadway. Ongoing monitoring efforts in Area Two indicate that surficial erosion and sloughing of the upper banks continues to occur. Cracked pavement and a slumping roadway shoulder adjacent to Area Two have also been observed. Area Two is approximately 200 LF long and located approximately 250 LF upstream from an imbricated (stacked) stone wall that was previously constructed in Summer 2012 (Area One). Proposed stabilization work will require the construction of an imbricated stone wall to stabilize the eroded

streambank area. The work in Area Two will be similar to the imbricated riprap wall constructed in Area One.

Traffic control will be required to perform the construction in the form of a full detour for Area Two. The detour plans have been approved by Maryland State Highway Administration and Howard County Traffic Division. The full detour is necessary to ensure the safety of the public and the contractor during construction. The roadway closure will also allow for material to be stockpiled on the roadway rather than clearing an area. The removal of some trees is unavoidable to construct this project, but new trees will be replanted as part of the project. The Department is making every effort to maintain the scenic nature of the roadway and reduce the impact to natural resources. The imbricated stone wall, the re-planting of trees and the brown colored guardrail are all efforts made to maintain the scenic nature of Trotter Road. Work is planned for summer 2015 to coincide with the summer break from school to minimize impacts to normal school year traffic.

Board Questions: The Board asked the following questions:

- Ms. Spitulnik asked when Area One was constructed were there any issues that the community brought to your attention that the Board should be aware of that will affect Area Two. Mr. Davidson responded there weren't any issues from the community. The only issue that arose was the road closure due to the equipment that was involved in construction. They anticipated the road being closed for 8 weeks it was only closed for 6 weeks.
- Mr. Rhoad stated that the photograph from the before and after are dramatic as it relates to Area One. The edge of the pavement is unraveling, will any pavement work be done. Mr. Davidson indicated that in Area One the department had budgeted money for resurfacing of the road. Since no damage was done we didn't use the money. We are planning to do the same for Area Two. Mr. Rhoad questioned where are the guardrails located? Mr. Davidson showed the Board the location of the guardrail on the photographs in their books. Ms. Glassberg, asked what's the magnitude of the reforestation - is it 10 trees or 100 trees? Mr. Davidson indicated that the forestation shows on the plans – it is anticipated that we will take between a ½ a dozen or less.

Public Testimony:

- Mr. Sayyeed Mohammad, 6259 Trotter Road, Clarksville, Maryland, a representative of HOA. Mr. Mohammad stated that the community has a few concerns: (i) Trees - is there any way we save at least one tree? (ii) Closure of the road - if possible can we have at least one section of the road open at the end of the workday? (iii) Mailboxes – there are nine mailboxes that sit on that side of the road and are in the way – can the mailboxes be moved toward the entrance? Mr. Davidson responded to the questions: (i) Question 1 - We are trying to save as many trees as we can but unfortunately two of the trees are dying, another two are leaning over towards the roadway and the remaining ones have to be removed to put the guardrail up for safety. We are meeting with the contractor prior to construction to see if we can try to save as many trees as possible. Mr. Davidson also informed Mr. Mohammad he could meet with him prior to construction to inform him of what trees won't be able to saved.
- (ii) Question 2 - the traffic entrance was looked at, we were hoping to close only one lane. Once we account for the barrier there won't be any room for work if we open one lane, which will delay the project. (iii) Question 3 - you will have to address the mailbox issue with your postmaster - the work wont impact the mailboxes and we were told not to move them. Ms. Spitulnik asked Mr. Davidson, could he address reforestation. Mr. Davidson stated they have a planting plan as part of the construction drawings and we will be adding some smaller trees.

Motion: None required.

(b) Capital Project No. W-8326, Saint Paul Street Water Main Extension

Staff Presentation: Kin Siew, Project Engineer, Utility Design Division, indicated that he is presenting the Saint Paul Street Scenic Road presentation. This is the second of two public hearings required under Section 18.211 of the Howard County Code for construction affecting scenic roads. When a capital project affects a scenic road, Section 18.211 of the Howard County Code requires preliminary and final design meetings to receive comments on the design from interested individuals. The subject capital project is W-8326, the Saint Paul Street Water Main Extension. The capital project was approved on January 14, 2014. The project and associated construction will impact both Saint Paul Street and College Avenue, and Saint Paul Street and College Avenue are listed in the inventory of scenic roads within the Ellicott City Historic District, Howard County.

The water main installation will primarily be within the right-of-way of the paved public roadways of the Saint Paul Street and College Avenue. The project will extend the existing public water within Saint Paul Street from the current terminus near address 3760 Saint Paul Street to loop around approximately 400 linear feet to College Avenue. The project will not relocate the 6-inch water main serving the church property, but will extend the existing water main on Saint Paul Street completing the loop with College Avenue, thereby providing improved maintenance access and eliminating the shared water house connections. The existing service line from the Saint Paul Church property that serves multiple apartment properties will be abandoned in place. After the water main installation, the roadway will be restored and repaved. The scenic road features will be preserved and protected. The roadway grades, width, and alignment will remain the same. The existing scenic view will be altered by the addition of a fire hydrant at the corner of Saint Paul Street and New Cut Road on the Saint Paul Church side of the roadway. There are no planned impacts to the vegetation and trees in this section of the scenic roadway due to the water main construction.

Per the requirements of Section 18.211 of the Howard County Code, interested individuals and residents were notified of tonight's meeting by advertisement in local newspapers for 2 consecutive weeks in advance of the meeting. Copies of the final water plans were made available for inspection at the Dept. of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, and they are available for review here tonight. Copies of the advertisement are included in tonight's presentation package.

Board Questions: The Board asked the following questions:

- Mr. Rhoad asked did we talk about the schedule. Mr. Siew responded the plans are 100% completed and we are in the process of acquiring a fire hydrant. Mr. Rhoad asks do they anticipate construction in the fall or summer. Mr. Siew responded, yes in the summer.
- Ms. Spitulnik asked will the road be closed. Mr. Siew responded the construction will only be on one side therefore one side of the road will remain open.

Public Testimony: None.

Motion: No motion required.

3. **Public Works Board Road Acceptance:**

- (a) **Subdivision:** Maple Lawn Farms, Midtown West District - Area 1, Lots 1-9, 17-49, 52-65, 67-81, Open Space Lots 83-88 and Common Open Area Lots 89-92
R/SW Agreement No.: F-12-029 **W&S Agreement No.:** 24-4702-D; 24-4704-D
Road Names: Blue Ribbon Street, Early Morning Street, Ellington Street, Elmwood Road, and Iager Boulevard
Petitioner: G & R Maple Lawn, Inc.

Staff Presentation: Ms. Tina Hackett, Chief, Real Estate Services Division, indicated that G&R Maple Lawn, Inc. has presented a petition to the Director of Public Works for the acceptance in fee simple title to Blue Ribbon Street, Early Morning Street, Ellington Street, Elmwood Road, and Iager Boulevard. The Bureau of Engineering has inspected the subdivision and certifies that all public improvements have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and meets the criteria for acceptance under Section 18.202 of the Howard County Code. The Bureau of Engineering recommends that the public improvements be accepted into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

Board Comments:

- Mr. Rhoad asked regarding the road sign off sheet for this subdivision if the difference on the distances on actual easement and total pavement are because of the transition point. Mr. John Seefried, Chief, Construction Inspection Division, responded yes, it is the transition point. Mr. Rhoad also asked was everything done; Ms. Hackett responded everything is complete.

Public Testimony: None.

Motion: On a motion made by Mr. Rhoad and seconded by Ms. Glassberg, the Board unanimously recommended that the Director of Public Works accept the public improvements located in Maple Lawn Farms, Midtown West District - Area 1, Lots 1-9, 17-49, 52-65, 67-81, Open Space Lots 83-88 and Common Open Area Lots 89-92, into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

- (b) Subdivision: Cloverfield, Section II, Lots 1 thru 15, Non-Buildable Preservation Parcels "A" and "C", and Buildable Preservation Parcel "B", A Resubdivision of Non-Buildable Bulk Parcel "F" and Parcel No. 119
R/SW Agreement No. F-07-091
Road Names: Goose Chase Way and Mitchells Way
Petitioner: Spring Mill LLC

Staff Presentation: Ms. Hackett indicated that Spring Mill, LLC has presented a petition to the Director of Public Works for the acceptance in fee simple title to Goose Chase Way and Mitchells Way located at Cloverfield, Section II, Lots 1 thru 15. The Bureau of Engineering has inspected the subdivision and certifies that all public improvements have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and meets the criteria for acceptance under Section 18.202 of the Howard County Code. The Bureau of Engineering recommends that the public improvements be accepted into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

Board Comments: None.

Public Testimony: None.

Motion: On a motion made by Mr. Summerson and seconded by Mr. Rhoad, the Board unanimously recommended that the Director of Public Works accept the public improvements located in Cloverfield, Section II, Lots 1 thru 15, into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

- (c) Subdivision: Willow Ridge, Lots 1 thru 9, Non-Buildable Preservation Parcels 'A', 'B' and 'D' and Buildable Preservation 'C'
R/SW Agreement No.: F-08-050 W&S Agreement No.: 54-4301-D
Road Names: Willow Ridge Lane
Petitioner: Greenfield Homes, Inc.

Staff Presentation: Ms. Hackett indicated that Greenfield Homes, Inc. has presented a petition to the Director of Public Works for the acceptance in fee simple title to Willow Ridge, Lots 1 thru 9. The Bureau of Engineering has inspected the subdivision and certifies that all public improvements have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and meets the criteria for acceptance under Section 18.202 of the Howard County Code. The Bureau of Engineering recommends that the public improvements be accepted into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

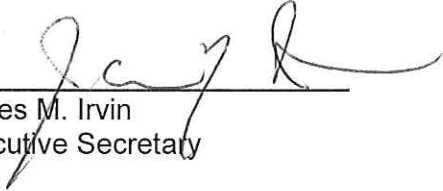
Board Comments: None.

Public Testimony: None.

Motion: On a motion made by Mr. Summerson and seconded by Ms. Glassberg, the Board unanimously recommended that the Director of Public Works accept the public improvements located in Willow Ridge, Lots 1 thru 9, into the County's system of publicly owned and maintained facilities.

Public Testimony: None.

There being no further business, the Public Works Board meeting adjourned at approximately 8:03 p.m.



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